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TREE PLANTING SPEECH

This week is National Crime Victim's Rights Week, we celebrate our nation's progress for victims of crime and pledge to serve "every victim, every time". Today we plant a tree to remember the victims of the past and present. As the Tree begins to grow let it be a continuing symbol of the communities commitment to crime victims. The roots of the tree symbolize the strong foundation of support which currently exists for victims. The trunk represents strength which must be shown by victims. The branches represent the many different areas where a victim may reach out Law Enforcement, Court System, Mental Health System, Our Churches, family, friends, Coworkers. The leafy foliage symbolizes vitality and the ability to live on and grow. Let this tree be a constant reminder to all of us who help victims. To continue to fight for "every victim....every time"